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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: JAPANESE MEDIA ATTENTION TO FOREIGN NEWS FOCUSED MAINLY ON PARIS CIEC OPENING AND SOUGHT TO ASSAY WHETHER IT MAY HELP CONFRONTATION TO GIVE WAY TO COOPERATION. EXPRESSED GENERAL APPROVAL FOR STANCE TAKEN BY U.S. AND GUARDED HOPE THAT MEETING MAY PRODUCE CONTINUING FORUM AND DIALOGUE OPENING WAY TO PROGRESS ON NEW NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONSHIP. OTHER ISSUES ATTRACTING MODERATE INTEREST DURING WEEK WERE CARRY-OVER OF SALT II NEGOTIATIONS INTO 1976, WITH COMMENT ON ALL THAT IMPLIES FOR DETENTE AND POSSIBLE FURZV US-SOVIET COMPETITION IN ADVANCED WEAPONRY. ANGOLA SITUATION HAS BEEN REPORTED STRAIGHT AND LOW-KEY TO DATE.

ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE, PROBLEMS OF MIKI'S MINORITY PREMIER-SHIP WERE WELL UNDERScored IN FINDINGS OF PRESS POLLS TIMED TO MIKI CABINET'S COMPLETION OF FIRST YEAR N OFFICE. OPINION SURVEYS COMPLETED MID-NOVEMBER TO EARLY DECEMBER REPORTED SUPPORT PERCENTAGES FOR MIKI RANGING FROM 23 TO 28 AND NON-SUPPORT FROM 34 TO 41. (ALL POLLS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY CABLE.) PROBE QUESTIONS ON NON-SUPPORT FOUND OVERWHELMINGLY THAT REASONS ARE PRICES AND RECESSION, WITH ONLY MINUTE FRACTION MENTIONING UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS.

AS SIDE-BAR, WEEK ALSO SAW NEWSPAPER ADS FOR SPECIAL EXPANDED ISSUE OF WEEKLY "ASAHI JOURNAL" CONSISTING ENTIRELY OF FULL TRANSLATION OF CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT ON CIA ASSASSINATION PLANNING.

2. PROGRAM:

A. ASIAN SCHOLAR SCALAPINO; POST MADE PRODUCTIVE USE OF BERKELEY POLITICAL SCIENTIST"ASIAN SCHOLAR DR. ROBERT SCALAPINO AS VOLSPKR. AT TOKYO AC SCALAPINO DISCUSSED "ASIA AND THE ROAD AHEAD--ISSUES FOR THE MAJOR POWERS" WITH INVITED AUDIENCE OF 29 ACADEMICIANS, INCLUDING NATIONALLY KNOWN ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT POLITICAL CRITICS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEFENSE AGENCY, NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE AND CABINET RESEARCH OFFICE. MIX OF VIEWPOINTS SPURRED SPIRITED EXCHANGE ON PROSPECT FOR EXTENDED AND TROUBLED TRANSITION PERIOD IN ASIA WHICH SCALAPINO PREDICTED, AND PLAUSIBLE DYNAMICS OF MAJOR POWER RELATIONSHIPS DURING THIS PERIOD. SCALAPINO ALSO WAS INTERVIEWED IN RAVC/PRODUCED VTR BY NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT RICHARD HALLORAN ON QUADRILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS IN ASIA. AT DPAO-HOSTED DINNER SCALAPINO HAD EXTENDED DISCUSSION ON KOREA, CHINA AND OTHER TOPICS WITH LEADING JAPANESE SCHOLARS AND NEWS WRITERS SPECIALIZING ON ASIA.

B. MODERN DANCE IN MULTI-MEDIA: AFTER SUCCESSFUL SWING THROUGH ASIA ARRANGED BY REGIONAL PROGRAM OFFICER WITH SOFTWARE/HARDWARE SUPPORT FROM RAVC DANCER/CHOREOGRAPHER STATIA SUBLETTE RETURNED TO JAPAN FOR PROGRAMS AT AMERICAN CENTERS IN FUKUOKA AND OSAKA. MISS SUBLETTE'S HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION ON MODERN DANCE, SUPPORTED BY SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETING AND INTEGRATED ARRAY OF AUDIO-VISUALS, WAS WELL RECEIVED IN FUKUOKA BY AUDIENCE OF 51. OSAKA PROGRAM STILL UPCOMING.

C. WOMEN'S LIB IN PERSPECTIVE: TOKYO AMERICAN CENTER FELLOW SQUERCIATI CONTINUED TO RECEIVE IMPROVING GRADES ON PROGRAMS OUT OF TOKYO. IN KYOTO SMALLER SESSIONS FOLLOWING UP LARGER DOSHISHA PRESENTATION REPORTED LAST WEEK WENT VERY WELL AND SPARKED ANOTHER STUDENT-REQUESTED MEETING AT DOSHISHA, WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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AUDIENCE INCLUDED RADICAL STUDENTS PREVIOUSLY RELUCTANT TO ATTEND OUR PROGRAMS. FUKUOKA SESSION ON "WOMEN AND LITERATURE" ELICITED LIVELY DISCUSSION FROM 22 ACADEMICIANS AND STUDENTS ATTENDING. MISS SQUERCIATI NOW IS PROVIDING NEW, USEFUL INFORMATION TO AUDIENCES, SUCH THAT MEDIA ARE PAYING MORE ATTENTION AND REQUESTING ARTICLES OF HER.

D. MEDIA BRIEFINGS: BOTH CPAO AND DPAO HAD DINNER-DISCUSSION

MEETINGS WITH IMPORTANT MEDIA FIGURES DURING PAST WEEK. FOREIGN EDITORS OF MAJOR PAPERS AND NHK MET WITH CPAO FOR WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION THAT RAN FAR OVERTIME, WHILE EDITORIAL WRITERS GATHERED AT DPAO RESIDENCE FOR DISCUSSION WITH DPAO AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR DICK PETREE ON CHINA-US RELATIONS, "JAPAN FORMULA" FOR SOLVING TAIWAN PROBLEM, AND "FOREIGN POLICY" ARTICLE SUGGESTING U.S. MAY IN FUTURE OFFER MILITARY AID TO PRC.

E. TIMELY GIFT TO EMPEROR: GEORGE AND MARTHA, REPRESENTING SANDHILL CRANE COMMUNITY OF PATUXENT MARYLAND ARRIVED THIS WEEK AT UENO ZOO, GIFT FROM PRESIDENT FORD COMMEMORATING RECENT VISIT BY EMPROR TO AMERICA. ARRIVAL IS MOST TIMELY AS CRANES ARE NEW YEAR SYMBOL OF FELICITY. ALL MAJOR DAILIES AND NHK NATIONAL TV NETWORK HAVE PROMINELTY FEATURED NEWS OF CRANES' ARRIVAL AND INSTALLATION AT UENO ZOO. ARRANGEMENTS FOR GEORGE AND MARTHA'S RECEPTION WEREMADE ON U.S. SIDE BY DEPUTY EXCHANGES OFFICER. JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND ZOO OFFICIALS ARE EXTENDING TYMSELVES TO GREET U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE OFFICIAL WHO ESCORTED GEORGE AND MARTHA SAFELY TO JAPAN. THIS MAY INCLUDE CALL ON EMPEROR. MILLER

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